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REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The examiner rejects the claims over the Nakagaki, et al. patent. However, Nakagaki has its cables mounted on one side to a connecting beam 33 (53, 63). The other end of the cable is mounted to a remote side of an elevator shaft (57, 67). The claims, as amended, require that both ends of the connecting member are attached at dead end hitches that are connected to the bedplate. Further, the claims all require that the dead end hitches will be on one side of the car, and between the car and a single wall once the elevator is mounted in an elevator shaft.

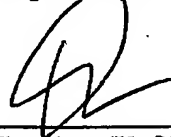
Simply, Nakagaki, et al. cannot meet this limitation. In fact, the arrangement of the dead end hitches 57 and 67 being on an opposed side of the car from the hitches 53 and 63 is an integral part of the Nakagaki, et al. invention. There would be no reason to change this arrangement, even if there was prior art which might show the feature.

New claims 18-20 recite the arrangement of the tension sheave and the dead end hitches, and are also not met by Nakagaki, et al.

In sum, the present invention defines around the prior art. An indication of such is solicited.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



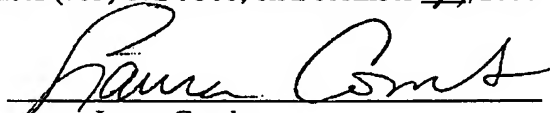
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